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CPE (1st Cycle) ❖ NAAC Accredited 'A' Grade (2nd Cycle) ❖ DBT STAR College

ISO Certified - 14001 : 2015, 50001 : 2018, 9001 : 2015

Key Indicator 7.3.1 - Performance of the Institution in one area distinctive to its priority and thrust

Diversity and Inclusiveness in a Multicultural Milieu

Maulana Azad College, Kolkata, a premier seat of learning, offers a unique instance of multiculturalism. If one analyses its student population, one is amazed at the enormous diversity - be it in terms of language, religion or socio-economic categorisation. It is the only co-educational government college affiliated to the University of Calcutta which offers six languages at the undergraduate level. The presence of these six languages – Arabic, Bengali, English, Persian, Sanskrit and Urdu – enables the college to function as a ‘language hub’. Students of these Departments perform well in not only University examinations but also in co-curricular and cultural activities. Professors of these Departments, both past and present, are equally engaged in academic and cultural pursuits. Along with their regular teaching, they consistently publish academic books, journal articles and book chapters. They also participate in literary festivals, book launches, *mushairah* and similar literary events. The Central Library prides on preserving ancient and rare literary texts and manuscripts in Arabic, English, Persian, Sanskrit and Urdu, including the Persian gem *Ain-i-Akbari* [“Administration of Akbar”]. Thus, the college provides a linguistically and culturally rich environment for both students and teaching staff, encouraging them to constantly pursue excellence in their chosen fields.